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Note verbale dated 1 April 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and has the honour to provide herewith the comments of the Government of Japan in relation to the statement made by the delegation of the Russian Federation on 25 March 2015, in its right of reply under item 10, during the twenty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council.

The Permanent Mission of Japan kindly requests the Office of the High Commissioner to circulate the present note verbale and the annex thereto* as a document of the twenty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council under agenda item 10.

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Annex

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Statement of the Government of Japan in relation to the statement made by the delegation of the Russian Federation in its right of reply under item 10 of the twenty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council

This statement refers to the statement made by the Delegation of the Russian Federation in its right of reply under item 10 of the twenty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council on March 25, 2015, which quoted a statement made by Mr. Yukio Hatoyama, former Prime Minister of Japan, regarding the situation in Crimea.

Mr. Hatoyama recently visited Crimea in his personal capacity, and the remarks he made there are utterly different from the position of the Government of Japan. The Government of Japan has expressed that his acts and remarks during his stay in Crimea were imprudent and regrettable. The Government of Japan emphasizes that there has been no change in its position regarding the current situation in Crimea.